

Mandating copyright enforcement on receivers is an unusually bad idea, particularly when applied to the entire digital market as a whole. Millions of cable boxes and satellite receivers across the country already operate on a digital standard, even with grandfathering these consumers would see any future hardware as a downgrade. Further, the public has fought for and won the right to

"time shift" programming in the courts. While I understand the concern of piracy and illegal copying, to presume such intent and to punish those not guilty of such an offence is not only legally questionable, it is offensive.

Finally, threats by corporations (such as CBS) to halt HD broadcasts unless such a measure is passed are tantamount to coercion and extortion. The FCC has mandated deadlines for HD and Digital capability. Is it the policy of the FCC to allow corporations to not only flout those deadlines (to the detriment of the consumers the FCC is supposed to be protecting) but to use non-compliance as a threat against the government?